



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Gauselmann

Serial No: 09/491,779 Art Unit: 3711

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Title: **METHOD FOR OPERATING A COIN ACTUATED ENTERTAINMENT AUTOMAT**

Examiner: Dolores R. Collins

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is in response to the Final Rejection mailed on December 31, 2002 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on March 31, 2003.

It is believed that the Final Rejection was mailed in error, since the applicant had mailed an amendment with new claim 9, which was apparently

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received on December 27, 2002. Applicant submits that claim 9 should not

have been rejected finally, since claim 9 was acted on for the first time on
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